

REMARKS

Claim 10 has been amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the final rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of Claim 1. As non-elected claims 6-9 depend from Claim 1, they should be in condition for allowance at this time as well.

In the Office Action, Claim 10 was rejected as obvious over Levis et al. (US 5,902,033) in view of Lee (US 6,773,118). The Examiner, in responding to applicant's prior arguments, noted that Claim 10 did not include the "integral" nature of the mounting portion with the tubular portion. As such, applicant proposes amending Claim 10 to incorporate this limitation. Accordingly, applicant submits Claim 10 is now in condition for allowance. Further, non-elected Claims 15-17 depend from Claim 10 and also should be allowable.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits Claims 1, 6-9, 10 and 15-17 are now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.


If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit
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Respectfully submitted,

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